(c) the target for the rural areas of the districts of Vadodara, Surat, Valsad, Goodhara Breach and other backward and adivasi areas of Gujarat from 1981 to 1985; and

(d) what target has been fixed for the above districts for the years 1986 and 1987 and what steps Government proposes to take to fulfil the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR): (a) and (b) A massive programme for providing safe drinking water facilities in the rural areas was launched during the Sixth Five Year Plan. As against a target of 2.31 lakh programme villages, 2.39 lakh villages, including 1.92 problem villages were provided drinking water during the Sixth Plan.

Rural Sanitation is a State subject and it is for the States to formulate and implement schemes. There was no Central scheme under which target could be fixed. According to the National Master Plan for Decade Programmes the percentage of populatiton coverage was expected to be raised from 0. 5 per cent in 1981 to 0.95 per cent in 1985. The recent Mid-Term Decade Review has, however, indicated that the achievement by 1985 would be only about 0.72 per cent of population.

(c) and (d) The information is being collected from the State Government.

National Housing Finance Institutiton

2584. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 1081 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd August, 1985 and state by when the National Housing Finance Institutiton is likely to be established?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): The proposal to set up a National Housing Bank is yet to be finalised.

Licences for New Sugar Mills

2585. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of licences for establishing of new sugar mills were granted during 1980—85;

(b) if so, what is the number;

(c) the names of the private firms/companies including the cooperative sector which have been granted licences for new sugar mills during the above period; and

(d) what is the production capacity of these sugar mills?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO):

(a) and (b) Sixty Letters of Intent/Licences were granted for establishing new sugar mills during the Sixth Five Year Plan (1980-85);

(c) and (d) A statement giving the names of factories in private and co-operative sector along with their installed annual sugar production capacity is attached.

[*See* Appendix CXXXVI, Annexure No. 47].

Condoning loans of formers in flood drought affected States

2586. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some of the flood/drought affected State Governments have approached the Central Government for permission from the Reserve Bank of India to condone the loans of small farmers who have borrowed money from the cooperative institutions; and

(b) if so, what is Government's decision in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) No State Government has approached this Ministry for seeking condonation of loans of small farmers from cooperative institutions during this year. However, there are

standing guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank of India providing for relief measures by banks in areas affected by natural calamities, like drought, flood, cyclone etc. which are applicable to all States/UTs. These guidelines envisage conversion and rescheduling of existing loans, provision of additional working capital facilities, waiver of shortfall in margin, relaxation in security criteria, grant of consumption loans and concessional rate of interest.

(b) Question does not arise.

Programmes on the lives of prominent revolutionaries

2587. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to telecast and broadcast programme on the birth and death anniversaries of revolutionaries like Saddar Bhagat Singh Raja Mahendra Pratap Singh, Chandra Shekar Azad, Ashfaquallah Khan and Maulvi Barkatullah and Baba Gurdit Singh of Kamagatamaru; and

(b) if so, the details of the decision taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) and (b) With a view to educate listeners about the freedom struggle and also to inculcate a sense of patriotism in the youth in particular, AIR Stations and Doordarshan Kendras put out suitable programmes on the occasion of the anniversaries of political revolutionaries. The Stations and Kendras in the network have been putting out programmes on the revolutionaries mentioned and also provide coverages to events or functions which might have been arranged locally on the occasation.

Besides, Doordarshan Kendras have been telecasting programems on a regular basis on the freedom fighters and on the Independence Movement. The radio features and programmes broadcast during the last six months and scheduled in January, 1986 are given below:

Sl. No.	Date of Broadcast	Details of Programmes
1	19-6-1985	'SWANTANTRATA AANDOLAN KA ITIHAAS'– feature based on the contribution of many revolutionaries.
2	17-7-1985	'JALIAN WALA BAG'– special feature on the revolutionaries.
3	18-9-1985	'WAQT NAMAK ADA KARNE KA'– special feature on revolutionaries.
4	30-12-1985	'SWADHEENTA AANDOLAN MEIN PUNJAB KI BHUMIKA' – special feature on the contribution of Punjab in the freedom struggle featuring Sardar Bhagat Singh and Baba Gurdit Singh of Kamagatamaru.
5	15-1-1986	Feature in the series of Indian Freedom Movement on the role of 'AZAD HIND FAUJ' The name of Raja Mahendra Pratap Singh will also feature in the programme.

Five-Day Week in the Food Corporation of India Offices

2588. SHRI O. J. JOSEPH: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the five day week which was implemented in all the administrative offices of the Food Corporation of India has undergone some changes and some of the offices have reverted back to the earlier system of six day week, if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(b) whether denial of five day week to a section of employees is discriminatory; and